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and  
Superintending School Committee  
of  
NEW-LONDON

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1874

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# REPORT

OF THE

## SELECTMEN

AND

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

## TOWN OF NEW LONDON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1874.

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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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## MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT.

Paid Micajah Morgan, Baptist Society,	\$64.40	
Charles C. Phillips, Sytheville,	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$79.40

## DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Paid James Todd, district No. 1,		
Summer,	\$30.00	
Winter,	95.09	
R. A. Farwell, district No. 2,		
Summer,	50.00	
Winter,	97.85	
Seth Littlefield, district No. 3,		
Summer,	55.00	
Autumn,	60.00	
Winter,	209.20	
Daniel M. Annis, district No. 4,		
Summer,	65.00	
Winter,	125.17	
S. A. French, district No. 5,		
Summer,	35.00	
Autumn,	80.00	
Winter,	53.14	
Edwin P. Messer, district No. 6,		
Summer,	50.00	
Winter,	68.37	
Stephen J. Dean, district No. 7,		
Summer,	25.00	
Winter,	85.97	
	<hr/>	\$1,184.79



## TOWN DEBTS AND CHARGES.

Paid Eugene O'Neil, amount of note,	\$344.25
"        "        "        "	104.50
Jane E. Graves, interest on note,	8.00
James M. Jewett, amount of note,	774.30
William Stevens, amount of note,	126.70
George M. Jewett,        "	196.50
Augusta Davis,        "	83.00
"        "        "        "	283.70
R. M. Smith,        "	302.20
"        "        "        "	117.30
"        "        "        "	122.10
Luther McCutchins, amount of note,	300.72
"        "        "        "	418.84
Nancy Brown, amount of note,	54.69
State tax, 1873,	1,932.00
County tax, 1873,	1,070.95
Edward A. Jenks, printing report,	32.00
"        "        printing handbill,	1.00
James H. Burpee, town clerk, 1872,	12.00
Robert McConnell, hearse boat,	3.50
Robert McConnell, two straps,	2.50
Hiram Baker, damage to sheep,	6.00
Austin Morgan, damage to sheep,	20.00
Obed Morgan, damage to sheep,	5.00
Henry Davis, services on town farm,	220.00
Reo A. Farwell, school-house tax,	42.00
L. McCutchins, one cord wood, town hall,	4.00
Oliver K. Russell, auditor, bill,	2.00
James M. Pike, way marks,	2.00
R. M. Smith, amount of note,	771.66
R. M. Smith, amount of note,	549.52
James M. Jewett, endorsed on note,	75.00
Adam Davis, endorsed on note,	12.00
James M. Jewett, endorsed on note,	40.00
Obed Morgan, endorsed on note,	26.24
Nathaniel C. Todd 2d, school committee,	30.00
Daniel M. Annis, collector,	75.00
Town farm tax, 1873,	34.22
Edson C. Eastman, stationery,	5.00
L. McCutchins, expense to Concord, settle,	4.30
Edwin P. Burpee, selectman,	35.00
Frank O. Dow, digging graves,	20.00

Paid Royal A. Bunker, selectman,	\$26.00	
Luther McCutchins, selectman,	87.50	
Due on bond, 1873,	1,010.00	
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## ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid L. McCutchins, work on road, Dist. 16,	\$3.00	
Nathaniel C. Knowlton, breaking roads,	1.00	
Hiram Baker,	"	3.50
Baxter Gay,	"	4.30
Curtis Messer,	"	16.00
Arthur E. Burpee,	"	21.50
Charles S. Whitney,	"	11.22
George Fisher,	"	5.37
Albert S. Worthen,	"	7.50
George M. Knight,	"	4.00
James Todd,	"	33.00
Augustus Preston,	"	8.25
James M. Pike,	"	50.75
Jonathan G. Everett,	"	26.00
E. Sargent Putney,	"	30.70
Charles Jewett,	"	28.90
Joseph Russell,	"	47.12
George W. Sargent,	"	13.00
Edwin P. Burpee,	"	30.65
Austin Morgan,	"	40.00
Walter E. Pingree,	"	33.05
Asa N. Todd,	"	14.30
John M. Messer,	"	33.00
Jacob Todd,	"	3.45
L. P. Gould,	"	34.56
Charles Crockett,	"	17.00
Horace Clark, for bridge,		272.00
Jay Farwell, for plank,		5.64
Belden Morgan, for plank,		3.84
H. Marshall Fales, breaking roads,		16.00
Ransom Sargent,	"	13.35
Marcus Nelson,	"	4.00
Nathaniel C. Todd,	"	8.70
John Williams,	"	20.00
Luther McCutchins,	"	15.50
Joseph Russell, repairing bridge,		10.00
Nelson Todd, breaking roads,		6.00
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## TOWN HALL.

Paid Stephen Messer, for work,	\$10.00	
J. H. Keyzer, for boards,	5.40	
" " "	6.24	
Charles S. Sargent, for nails,	1.20	
Dow & Rhines, for brick,	25.20	
Northern Railroad, freight,	7.58	
A. Cressy, for stoves,	50.00	
Russell & Co., room paper,	16.02	
Sibley, Hatch & Co., for hooks,	1.17	
Tallant Boyce, laying brick,	12.50	
Marcus Nelson, drawing brick,	10.80	
Charles Woodward, work,	21.00	
Russell & Co., oil, &c.,	11.94	
Edwin P. Burpee, work,	31.40	
L. McCutchins, drawing sand,	3.00	
	<hr/>	\$213.45

## TOWN PAUPER BILLS.

Paid town of Warner, for Ross family,	\$31.77	
George Savory, " "	48.73	
" " "	45.00	
McAlpine, for rent,	9.00	
Marcus Nelson, moving Ross family,	3.50	
H. R. Gates, Chase girl,	3.10	
Chase girl, for cloth,	1.02	
	<hr/>	\$142.12

## COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Jona. S. George, for Currier George,	\$30.00	
" " " "	52.00	
O. Russell & Co., " "	2.13	
Amos Hunt, for Saunders,	52.00	
Russell & Co., "	7.67	
Balance due the town on 1872,	16.00	
	<hr/>	\$159.80

## ABATEMENT OF TAXES—1872.

A. G. Savary,	\$1.16	
Dana Morgan,	1.16	
Charles Clement,	1.16	
Charles Pierce,	1.16	
Daniel Morgan,	3.48	
	<hr/>	\$8.12



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*Abated for 1873.*

James Todd,	\$1.45
Luther Ray,	1.45
Dudley Center,	1.45
Daniel Lorden, Jr.,	1.45
Simeon Cheney,	1.99
E. Sargent Putney, over taxed,	5.80
B. M. Gay,                   “	1.08
Timothy Quirk,               “	.72
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The selectmen credit the town for the year 1873,  
as follows:

Received—

Anthony Colby, indorsed on note,	\$61.80
Mary A. Messer, borrowed,	200.00
Henry Davis,                   “	200.00
Amount in hands of treasurer, 1872,	1,053.77
Assessment of taxes for 1873,	6,488.69
Eugene O'Neil,               borrowed,	100.00
Mary B. Leach,               “	300.00
Nancy Brown,               “	55.00
Augusta Davis,               “	360.00
James M. Jewett,           “	774.00
Mrs. B. Parker,             “	200.00
Addie Messer,             “	80.00
Augustus L. Putney,       “	75.00
Levi Sanborn,             “	100.00
Mary B. Leach,             “	425.00
Susan Davis,               “	70.00
Daniel Bickford,           “	160.00
Eugene O'Neil,             “	425.00
James H. Burpee, damage of dog,	8.33
Nathaniel Knowlton, sap trees,	2.00
Railroad tax, 1873,	339.57
Savings bank tax, 1873,	403.82
Literary fund, 1873,	76.67
Coupons on bonds, 1873,	420.00
Two \$500 bonds to Jos. Trussell,	1,000.00
Interest on same, two months,	10.00
On bond, 1872, in full,	698.05
Credit town farm,	19.06
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Whole amount credited,

\$14,105.76

Whole amount credited brought forward,	\$14,105.67
Whole amount charged,	11,978.86

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Leaving a balance in the hands of selectmen, March 1, 1874,	\$2,126.90
Indebtedness of town, March 1, 1874,	18,239.59
Means of paying the same,	9,436.00
Indebtedness above means of paying,	\$8,803.59
All of which is respectfully submitted.	

LUTHER McCUTCHINS,  
EDWIN P. BURPEE,  
ROYAL A. BUNKER,

*Selectmen of New London.*

We hereby certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the selectmen, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast, and that the books are well kept.

GEO. M. KNIGHT,  
O. K. RUSSELL,

*Auditors.*

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#### TOWN DEBTS, TO WHOM PAYABLE.

Abiah Clough,	\$100 00
Laura Davis,	100.00
Laura Davis,	160.00
Charles Jewett,	250.00
Colby children,	250.00
Margaret Burpee,	28.59
John M. Dow,	280.00
John Brown estate,	1,000.00
Marcus Nelson,	1,400.00
Charles Jewett,	125.00
Abbie Perley,	35.00
Henry Davis,	200.00
Mary Jewett,	224.00
John Marcy,	200.00
Mary Chandler,	56.00
Obediah Morgan,	350.00
Abbie Perley,	20.00
Obediah Morgan,	100.00

John M. Dow,	\$248.00
Sarah J. Sargent,	150.00
Charles Jewett,	130.00
Jacob Dale,	300.00
Henry Davis,	200.00
Newton Manahan,	175.00
John M. Dow,	100.00
Hiram Sargent,	60.00
Adelbert Messer,	190.00
Manning Seaman estate,	1,000.00
Lorinda D. Addison,	160.00
Phebe L. Call,	125.00
Sarah J. Sargent,	180.00
Mary E. Everett,	31.00
Mary Jewett,	337.00
James M. Jewett,	600.00
Osborn French,	150.00
Asa B. Pillsbury,	380.00
Henry Davis,	178.00
Ann C. Buswell,	70.00
Jonathan W. Buswell,	141.00
Adelbert Messer,	92.00
Adelbert Messer,	200.00
Hiram Sargent,	200.00
Henry Davis,	200.00
Mary C. Pingree,	200.00
Judith Burpee,	40.00
Asa B. Pillsbury,	200.00
Adam Davis,	200.00
Marcus Nelson,	200.00
Adelbert Messer,	200.00
Mary A. Messer,	300.00
Emeline S. Whitney,	100.00
Charles S. Whitney,	100.00
Enoch C. Adams,	100.00
Levi Sanborn,	100.00
James G. Crowley,	50.00
Emily A. Eastman,	50.00
Mary A Messer,	200.00
Henry Davis,	200.00
Mary B. Leach,	300.00
Nancy Brown,	55.00
Augusta Davis,	360.00
James M. Jewett,	774.00



Mrs. Parker,	\$200.00	
Addie Messer,	80.00	
Augustus L. Putney,	75.00	
Levi Sanborn,	100.00	
Mary B. Leach,	425.00	
Susan Davis,	70.00	
Daniel Bickford,	160.00	
Eugene O'Neil,	425.00	
Interest on the same,	2,500.00	
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Amount of indebtedness,		\$18,239.59

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM,  
FEBRUARY 20, 1874.

1 pair of oxen,	\$175.00
4 cows,	150.00
2 three-year-olds,	75.00
2 two-year-olds,	50.00
3 yearlings,	30.00
7 tons stable hay,	105.00
8 tons stock hay,	88.00
2 shotes,	24.00
15 hens,	7.50
8 bushels corn,	9.00
4 bushels wheat,	8.00
4 bushels barley,	4.00
1 $\frac{3}{4}$ bushel beans,	5.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ bushel colored beans,	1.00
$\frac{1}{2}$ bushel seed corn,	1.00
65 bushels potatoes,	26.00
$\frac{2}{3}$ bushel apples,	1.00
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bbl. cider,	6.00
4 gallons boiled cider,	3.00
1 barrel pork,	20.00
100 lbs. ham,	10.00
100 lbs. beef,	8.00
10 lbs. butter,	3.00
12 dozen candles,	1.50
45 lbs. maple sugar,	4.50
42 lbs. lard,	5.25
16 lbs. dried apple,	1.60

2 bushels meal,	\$1.50
4 lbs. white sugar,	.50
$\frac{2}{3}$ barrel flour,	7.50
1 bushel salt,	.70
$1\frac{1}{2}$ barrel soap,	6.00
2 barrels ashes,	1.00
1 cart and fixing,	27.00
2 plows,	8.00
1 harrow,	2.00
2 wedges and beetle,	1.00
2 ox yokes, 4 chains,	6.00
1 ox sled and iron bar,	3.00
2 axes and 5 augers,	2.00
1 horse rake and hay tools,	3.00
1 grind-stone and wood saw,	3.00
2 manure forks and 2 shovels,	3.00
1 cook stove and furniture,	15.00
2 sap pans and 96 buckets,	10.00
Household furniture,	60.00
1 clock,	4.00
2 bits and stock and M. wrench,	1.50
1 M. shingles,	1.50
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	\$989.55

*The Town Farm is charged for the year 1873 as follows:*

Paid—

Claud Goings, repairing clock,	.75
Newton Manahan, 1 gallon vinegar,	.40
“ “ 1 pair misses' boots,	.75
“ “ $2\frac{1}{2}$ bush. meal,	2.50
“ “ 1 lb. coffee,	.30
“ “ barrel flour,	5.75
“ “ 1 bushel beans,	3.25
“ “ balance on broom,	.15
“ “ 4 butter tubs,	2.00
“ “ balance on pans,	.78
“ “ rye meal,	.75
“ “ coat and pants for Powell,	5.00
N. Knowlton, for peas,	.25
Belden Morgan, $1\frac{3}{4}$ bush. wheat,	3.93
Claud Goings, repairing plow,	.40
N. Knowlton, use of horse,	.50

## Paid—

Amos B. Currier, for meal,	\$0.50	
Amos B. Currier, use of cider mill,	.90	
Ashley Whipple, five days haying,	10.00	
Charles Jewett, one day haying,	2.00	
Jacob Jewett, one day haying,	2.00	
Jerome B. Worthe, 1 mop handle,	.30	
Harrison Williams, threshing grain,	3.40	
Henry Seamans, 2 quarts oil,	.15	
N. C. Knowlton, stove grate,	.58	
Frank Jewett, use of horse,	.40	
Benjamin C. Davis,	.75	
George P. Shoales, for work,	1.25	
Adaline Everett, for goods,	1.58	
John M. Dow, smith work,	4.10	
Henry Davis, 2 pails,	1.00	
Samuel Bagley, smith work,	2.45	
Store bills for the year,	123.47	
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*The Town Farm is credited for the year 1873 as follows :*

## Received of—

Luther McCutchins, 4 bushels oats,	\$2.20	
A. R. Bunker, 3 pigs,	9.00	
Baxter Gay, 1 pig,	3.00	
Hiram Baker, for work,	.60	
Belden Morgan, for work,	1.42	
Newton Manahan, 2½ barrels cider,	10.00	
Joseph Russell, 1 hide,	3.60	
George P. Shoales, 92 lbs. beef,	7.36	
Albert R. Hunting, 81¾ bushels potatoes,	40.70	
Store bill for the year,	123.47	
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Whole amount credited,		\$201.35
Whole amount charged,		182.29
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Balance in favor of farm,		\$19.06
Carried to credit of town.		

LUTHER McCUTCHINS,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>of</i> <i>New London.</i>
EDWIN P. BURPEE,	
ROYAL A. BUNKER,	



# SCHOOL REPORT.



REPORT  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1874.

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The committee respectfully tenders the following report:

DISTRICT No. 1.

In teaching the summer term of ten weeks, Miss L. M. Dana won the same good report that was given her for this district in the summer of 1871,—whose success in government and systematic management gave satisfaction to all concerned.

The winter term was very faithfully and successfully taught eleven weeks by Mr. Parker T. Smith. The closing examination indicated a thorough manner of teaching, and was highly commended by the many parents and friends who were present.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Miss Abbie Farwell, a former pupil of this school, taught the summer term of ten weeks. She was loved and esteemed by all her scholars. Her quiet and amiable disposition gained the favor of all who knew her. The dignity and thoroughness with which this school was conducted, are seldom excelled. One morning, early in the term of the following winter, sadness and gloom fell upon this school when it was announced that Abbie had suddenly been called from earth,—that her work was done,



and no more could we see her pleasant smile. But the consolation to those she left to mourn is, that what is our earthly loss is her heavenly gain.

The winter school was conducted eleven weeks by the committee. The scholars were ready and willing to learn; and this was manifested by studious habits and punctual attendance. The teacher returns his thanks to the parents and scholars for their efforts in trying to make it a profitable school.

### DISTRICT No. 3.

In this district there were eight weeks of summer school, taught by Miss Ella F. Currier. She labored hard for the interest of her scholars. The attendance was not as punctual as was desired; consequently the teacher labored under this disadvantage. However, it is believed that a good degree of progress was attained. This teacher was procured to teach the fall term, but, on account of ill health, was obliged to withdraw her engagement; and the school was kept seven weeks by Miss Addie M. Messer. Miss M. is a faithful teacher, and did all she could for the advancement of her school.

In her report she makes the following very just remarks: "No school can progress as it should while pupils are allowed to offer an excuse day after day for absence and tardiness." In her report there are several pupils who are entitled to public favor, which are as follows: Ernest Abbot, Wilfred Burpee, Eddie Fletcher, Robert Greenwood, Mary Burpee, Susie Burpee, Addie Fisher, Emmie Fletcher, Alice Greenwood, Annie Littlefield, Lillie McConnell, Abba McConnell, Annie Seamans.

The winter term of twelve weeks was under the instruction of Mr. Fred. L. Kingsbury. Mr. K. is a gentleman of ability, and a good scholar. His moral and religious influence in this school, if heeded, will tell in the scholars' after life. This teacher aimed to do his duty. The reading and spelling classes were well drilled; but if there had been more attention given to some of the other *important* branches, and the scholars been put to work in illustrating the *principles* of those branches, it would have been an improvement to this school.

## DISTRICT No. 4.

Summer term of ten weeks, and winter term of fifteen weeks, both taught by Miss Lettie J. Nichols. Her method of teaching was very efficient. It was obvious at the examination that during these two schools an impulse had been given to study, as the scholars appeared to understand what they had been over, and at the same time the memory had been cultivated,—as was especially shown by the long portions of geography recited, which was highly complimented by a distinguished teacher who was present. I am glad to record that some of the fathers as well as the mothers were present at the examination. When fathers give their time and attention to the interests of their children at school, it is a tendency which prompts the scholar to a greater sense of the importance of study.

## DISTRICT No. 5.

The summer school of eight weeks, and fall school of nine weeks, were instructed by Miss Fannie S. Huntoon, who has many of the qualifications of a good teacher. Under her care the scholars made very good progress in their studies. The recitations were prompt and accurate. One of the best acquirements of some of the younger scholars was a thorough knowledge of the multiplication table.

Miss Addie M. Messer had a pleasant and profitable winter term of only seven weeks. I visited this school but once. The scholars appeared orderly and studious; and it is believed that Miss M. did a good work during this school. The following names are set forth in her register for good scholarship and deportment: Lenora Walker, Joseph Walker, Clarence Gillman, Lottie Messer.

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Again this district has been favored with two profitable schools—ten weeks of summer, and twelve winter—taught by Miss Ella M. Messer. In her efforts to make these schools of utility and advancement to the pupils, it has been a success.

At the examinations, I found the scholars had been quite thoroughly instructed, and some of them, according to their age, decidedly advanced.

#### DISTRICT No. 7.

The summer term was kept ten weeks by Miss Anna Brown. The scholars, though few in number, appeared orderly and attentive to their studies. The teacher seemed interested for her pupils, and did what she could for their progress.

The winter term, of thirteen weeks, was under the care of Miss S. J. Nichols, who has, for several terms previous, taught this same school. I find that Miss N. still sustains her former good reputation as a teacher. She understands her work, and is very decided in her method of instruction. One disadvantage this teacher has been obliged to labor under,—that is, for the want of a decent blackboard, that she might draw out and explain the principles of arithmetic. We hope the inhabitants of this district *understand* that this neglect of duty rests upon their shoulders.

In closing this brief report, the committee would express the gratification which is afforded him in the evidences of growing interest on the part of the citizens generally, in what relates to the prosperity of the schools in town. The institution of common schools is a necessity. Many parents are not competent to teach the sciences. Others cannot command time to educate their children. All find it a matter of convenience and advantage to have well-conducted schools. The discipline of well-regulated schools is favorable to good manners and good morals. Hence the importance of making common schools what they should be. In this enterprise parents have a very deep interest. They have something to do which no others can do for them. Much depends upon parents, much upon the pupils, but more upon teachers. The expense of a single child at school for a single term is much greater than many even suppose.

Not the amount of *money* that is expended, but the *time*,



which, if not usefully occupied, is a loss that never can be regained. Now, why is this expense? The reason is, to give children an opportunity and the means for acquiring a good education, by which they can be fitted to discharge the various duties of life. Children, therefore, when sent to school, should improve their privileges with great industry. I believe the instruction for the past year, in the several schools generally, has been of a practical character. In my visits I have rarely used a text-book, but have endeavored to frame a question so as to develop the principles involved, so that the pupil might depend upon himself in constructing his answer. I have noticed in many of the schools that reading has been taught in a very effective manner. I am glad there is more pains taken in this branch of study.

Your committee earnestly appeals to every citizen of this town to do all he can for the improvement of our common schools. Let us cherish them as the most important of *all* our institutions. They demand the support of every one.

Subjoined is a statistical table.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

Number of Districts.	Summer, Fall, and Winter Terms.	TEACHERS.	Length of School in weeks.	Wages of Teachers per month, including board.										
					Whole number of Scholars.		Average attendance.		Number in Arithmetic.		Number in Grammar.		Number in Geography.	
					Number in Algebra.		No. of visits by Superintending Committee.		No. of visits by Prudential Committee.		No. of visits by others.			
1	Summer.	Miss L. M. Dana.	10	\$14.00	14	11	11	5	1		2	1	12	
	Winter.	Mr. P. T. Smith.	11		15	14	15	8	2	4	2	1	19	
2	Summer.	Miss Abbie Farwell.	10	17.40	27	20	15	5	3		2	1	14	
	Winter.	Mr. N. C. Todd.	11	40.00	31	28	26	13	3		2	1	30	
3	Summer.	Miss Ella F. Currier.	8	31.00	30	25	25	14	6		2	1	13	
	Fall.	Miss Addie M. Messer.	7	31.00	39	28	31	9	16		2	1	9	
	Winter.	Mr. Fred. L. Kingsbury.	12	51.00	40	28	38	10	10	4	3	3	37	
4	Summer.	Miss Lettie J. Nichols.	10	22.00	20	15	16	3	9		2	1	30	
	Winter.	Miss Lettie J. Nichols.	15	27.00	22	17	18	13	13		2	2	17	
5	Summer.	Miss Fannie S. Huntoon.	8	26.00	22	20	12	1	7		2	2	15	
	Fall.	Miss Fannie S. Huntoon.	9	26.00	22	19	11	2	7		2	2	21	
	Winter.	Miss Addie M. Messer.	7	24.00	16	12	9	2	8		2	2	6	
6	Summer.	Miss Ella M. Messer.	10	19.00	14	10	10	3	4		2	2	22	
	Winter.	Miss Ella M. Messer.	12	22.00	15	9	11	4	7		2	2	2	
7	Summer.	Miss Anna Brown.	10	18.00	11	9	10	1	5		2	2	20	
	Winter.	Miss S. J. Nichols.	13	26.00	19	16	17	5	6		2	1	7	

Respectfully submitted.

N. C. TODD,

*Superintending Committee.*

New London, March 2, 1874.





